

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace on page 10 the paragraph starting on line 21 with the following replacement paragraph:

-- (amended) In still further alternative aspects of the inventive subject matter, the semi-rich solvent stream need not be limited to a single semi-rich solvent stream with a particular carbon dioxide loading (e.g., greater than 0.3), but may include multiple semi-rich solvent streams with identical or different carbon dioxide loading, so long as at least part of the semi-rich solvent stream is fed back to a lower portion of the absorber. For example, appropriate semi-rich solvent streams may be drawn off the absorber at different positions that may or may not have the same vertical distance from the top of the absorber. Further configurations and aspects relevant to contemplated configurations and methods can be found in our ~~co-pending and~~ commonly owned U.S. Pat. No. 6,645,446 ~~U.S. application with the serial number 09/831,582,~~ which was filed May 11, 2001, and which is incorporated by reference herein. --